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**Subject:** FW: Memo to RD  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 05, 2010 11:42:38 AM

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The first hearing is scheduled for June 8 so would be good to get some answers before then.

From: Aycock, Gordon L  
Sent: Wednesday, May 05, 2010 11:54 AM  
To: Swanda, Marvin R  
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From: Chaffin, John  
Sent: Wednesday, May 05, 2010 9:59 AM  
To: Aycock, Gordon L  
Subject: RE: Memo to RD

Thanks - even for the humor. I will get to it as soon as possible. Let me know if I need to find some extra time to review.

From: Aycock, Gordon L  
Sent: Wednesday, May 05, 2010 9:57 AM  
To: Chaffin, John  
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OK since we are moving into the irrigation season and we don't have answers to the questions our plans are to simply tell Nebraska "No" to any order or request they make. Let us know if that will work.

Only kidding. We are hearing rumblings that Nebraska may be up to something. With Kansas' Supreme Court filing I expect Nebraska may make a special effort to show that they are attempting to stay in compliance.

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From: Chaffin, John  
Sent: Wednesday, May 05, 2010 9:33 AM

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Gordon, I have not. I had to put Bonny, Kansas' Supreme Court action and Windy Gap FIRMING Project ahead of it. And several BIA, BLM and Indian water rights issues were given priority. If you would like me to call Aaron or Marv, I would be happy to do so. I am trying to get to it as fast as possible. I need to give priority to the FIRMING Project and probably the Assessment and Recommendation report for the Blackfeet Compact and federal legislation.

From: Aycock, Gordon L  
Sent: Wednesday, May 05, 2010 9:28 AM  
To: Chaffin, John  
Cc: Swanda, Marvin R  
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John, on March 2 we sent a request for an legal opinion on 4 questions related to Nebraska's administration of our water rights. I'm following up to see if you have had time to prepare a response. Attached is a copy of the memo from NKAO requesting the opinion.

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From: Aycock, Gordon L  
Sent: Tuesday, March 02, 2010 8:25 AM  
To: Chaffin, John  
Cc: Thompson, Aaron M; Swanda, Marvin R  
Subject: FW: Memo to RD

John attached is an electronic copy of a memo from NKAO requesting a solicitor's opinion on several questions related to Nebraska law and the Republican River compact. I have not located the hard copy, but will prepared a memo to your office through the RD today so you get this request as early as possible.

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From: Esplin, Brent  
Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2010 2:30 PM  
To: Aycock, Gordon L  
Cc: Thompson, Aaron M; Swanda, Marvin R  
Subject: Memo to RD

Gordon: The attached memo requesting a legal opinion is in the mail to you.. I'm providing a scanned copy so you can start on a request to the Solicitor's office sooner if you have the time. I took a few

days longer to escape our office due to a temporary shortage of clerical help.

Thanks,

-Brent